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CARACAS FOR ROBERT PASTOR, NSC

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PEPR, PINS, DR  
SUBJECT: SITREP AS OF 11 PM

1. ALL APPEARS QUIET IN THE CAPITAL, WITH ONLY SCATTERED  
REPORTS OF ELECTION-HANGOVER VIOLENCE IN THE INTERIOR, AS  
THE COUNTRY CONTINUES TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 16  
VOTE-COUNT.

2. THE JCE PROCEDURES CONTINUE, CUMBERSOME AND SLOW,  
ESPECIALLY FOR US PRESS WHICH HANGS ON HERE EITHER FOR THE  
FINAL RESULTS OR FOR FURTHER UPSETS IN THE PROCESS. MANY  
AMERICAN NEWSMEN FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND  
WHY THE COUNTING, SUSPENDED OVER THE WEEKEND WHILE  
THE BUREAUCRACY RESTED AND THEN TARDILY RESUMED THIS  
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MORNING, ONLY TO CLOSE AT NOON WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT  
COUNTING WOULD RESUME AT 4 O'CLOCK. IT ACTUALLY  
BEGAN AT 4:45. THE AFTERNOON SESSION WAS LIKEWISE  
BRIEF, AS DOCUMENTED RESULTS FROM THE INTERIOR ARE  
SAID TO BE SLOW IN COMING TO THE CAPITAL.

3. THERE IS NO GOOD EXPLANATION AT THIS HOUR WHY THE

RETURNS ARE SO SLOW, BUT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT REFLECTS THE NEWNESS OF THE EXPERIENCE AND THE CONFUSION OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. APART FROM SCATTERED CHARGES OF SKULDUGGERY AT THE CROSSROADS, EMBASSY FEELS THE PROCESS CONTINUES TO BE CLEAN. AT LEAST THE PRD HAS MADE NO COMPLAINTS.

4. ACTUAL TALLIES FOLLOWING THE HOUR-LONG SESSION THIS AFTERNOON, SHOW THE HAIRLINE BALANCE FROM THE MORNING SESSION TO HAVE SHIFTED TO A PRD LEAD OF 3,300 VOTES. THE TALLIES NOW STAND AT 375,900 FOR THE PRD AND 373,000 FOR BALAGUER. THIS COUNT AGAIN EXCLUDES THE NATIONAL DISTRICT TOTALS, AND MANY LARGER PROVINCIAL TOWNS ARE YET TO REPORT.

5. THE PRD AS EXPECTED IS SCORING BIG GAINS IN THE MORE SIZABLE TOWNS AS THE PARTY TOPPED THE REFORMISTA COUNT IN MOCA BY MORE THAN 12,000 AND ENJOYED AN EDGE OF MORE THAN 3,000 IN BANI. WITH MANY OF THE MORE URBAN AREAS YET TO REPORT, AREAS WHERE PRD SYMPATHIES ARE THOUGHT TO BE STRONG, THE PARTY IS EXPECTED TO HOLD ITS LEAD.

6. THE PRESIDENT OF THE JCE, MANUEL CASTILLO, ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNT WOULD BEGIN AGAIN TOMORROW AT 9 AM, PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL ELECTION CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORTS FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE.

7. THE ATMOSPHERE OF TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS SEEMED RELAXED ENOUGH, BUT CHAIRMAN CASTILLO IS NOW ESCORTED BY AT LEAST THREE TOUGH-LOOKING BODY GUARDS. A DELEGATION OF 75 LADIES FROM THE CRUZADA DE AMOR, THE BALAGUERS' CHARITY/POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, WENT TO CASTILLO'S OFFICE TO PAY HIM A COURTESY CALL. THEY MILLED ABOUT FOR A FEW MINUTES, WERE INFORMED HE COULD NOT SEE THEM, AND LEFT.  
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